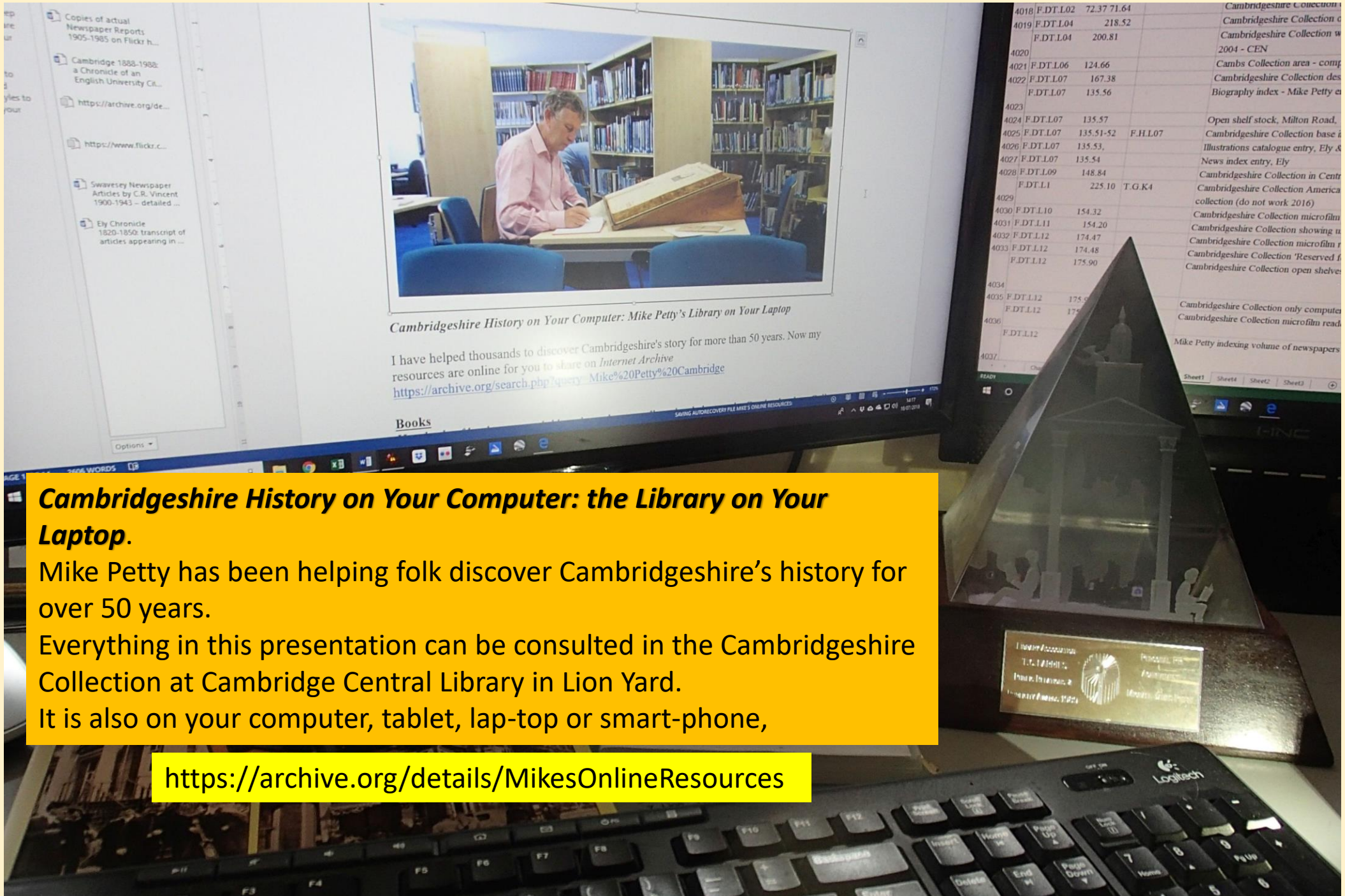
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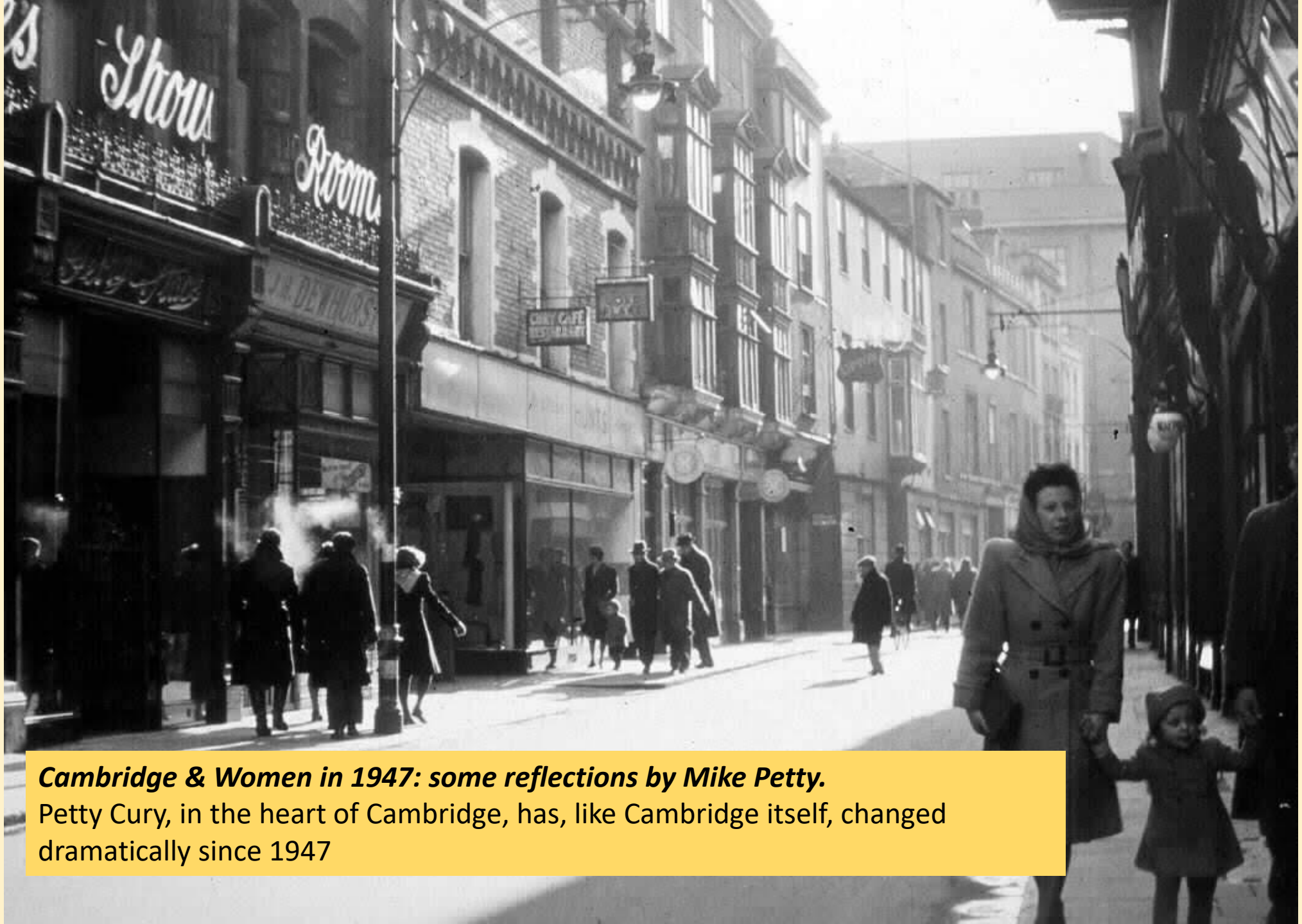

Cambridge & Women in 1947: some reflections by Mike Petty.

Petty Cury, in the heart of Cambridge, has, like Cambridge itself, changed dramatically since 1947

Cambridge had been impacted by War 1939-45; families and homes - like these in Vicarage Terrace - had been shattered.
For an account of that war, follow the link:
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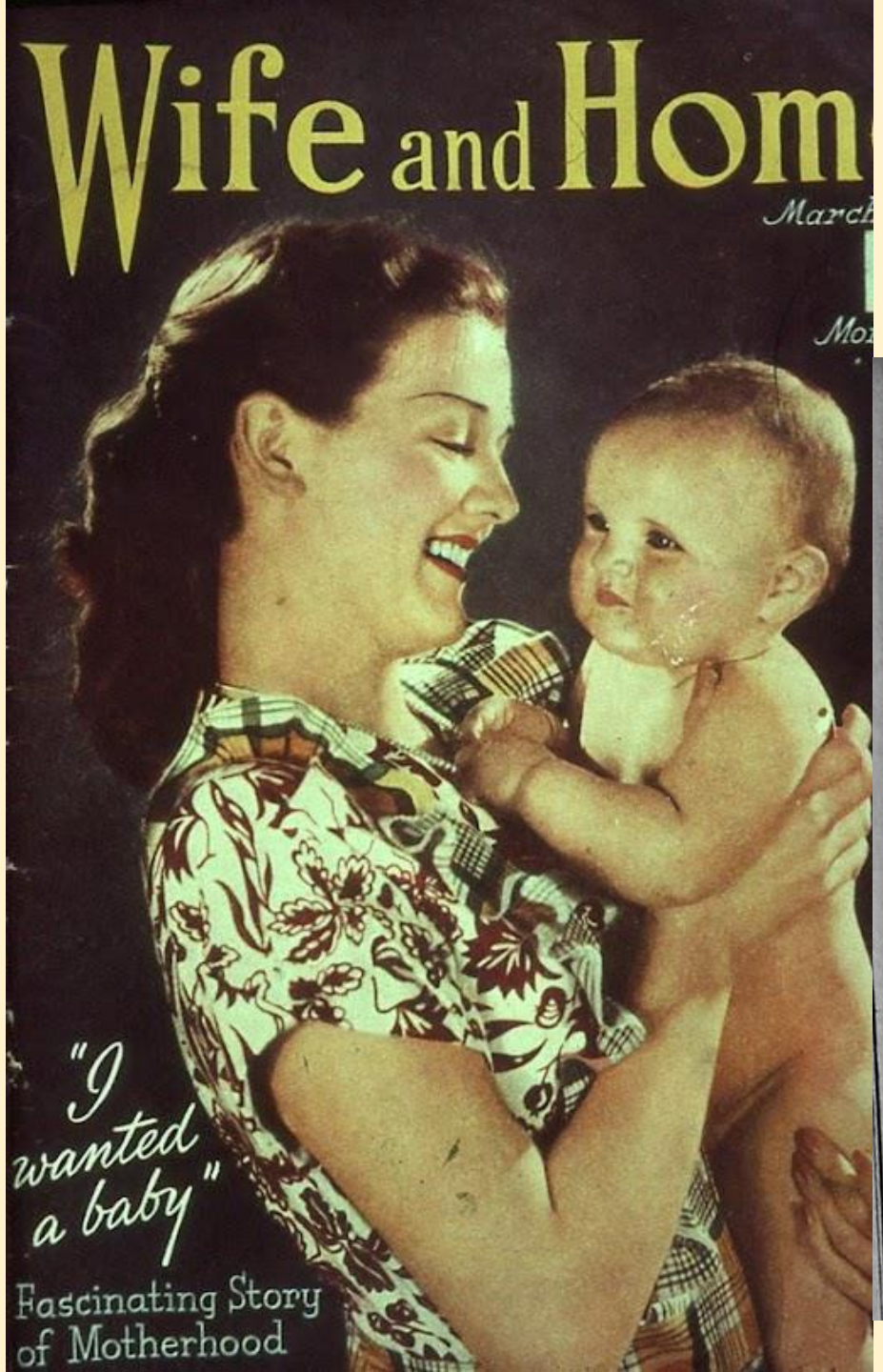

The Second World War left many lives ruined. Many did not return home. Many who did found no home to return to. Those who did, and were fortunate enough to find somebody waiting for them, started new lives. Many wanted babies.

CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Wednesday, November 20, 1946

MAINLY FOR WOMEN

By Kay Maloney

AT the last meeting of the County Council concern was expressed by several members over the fact that the County Hospital in Mill Road, now used largely as a Maternity Unit, had been referred to by a member or members of the public as a "workhouse."

Indignation was voiced at the "colossal ignorance" of the public by one alderman, who suggested it might be a good idea if people went along to see for themselves.

Thinking it a pity misapprehension might exist in the minds of some in regard to what is now the main Maternity Unit in Cambridge, and that any remarks made here might reach a fairly wide section of the women of Cambridge, I went along the other day to look round.

And here is what I found there.

ADMITTEDLY the actual entrance is forbidding and institutional, but once behind that it is ment, too, is of the most modern kind. As soon as anything new comes which I tiptoed (the mothers were having their after lunch nap) had

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By FRANCOI

DON'T be sad if these elegant sounding Paris fashions in accessories seem a bit remote to you. Remember they're straws in the wind of the shape of things to come—and take heart!

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Umbrellas play an important part in Paris fashions this year.. A recent exhibition of these by Jad, well-known umbrella and sunshade maker,

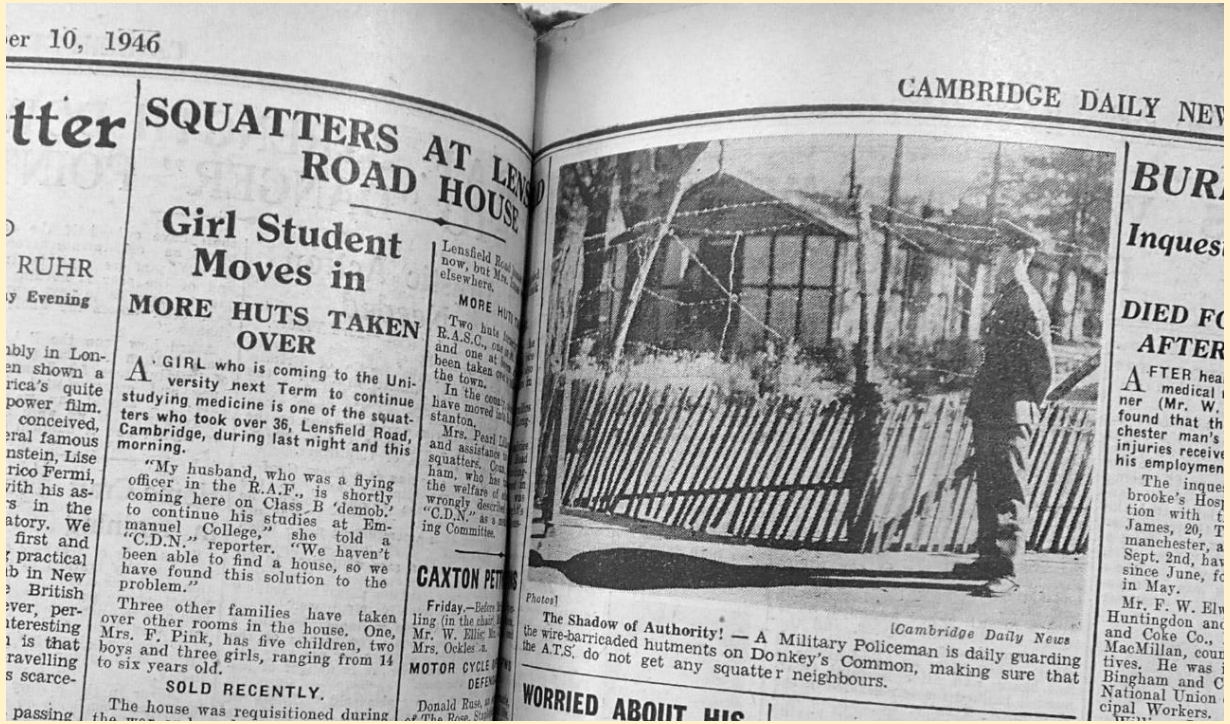
1947 09 01

A young couple paying 30s. rent for two rooms in Cambridge had their rent reduced to 19s. weekly at a sitting of the Rents Tribunal in the Guildhall. Appellant rented two rooms in Longview Terrace, Histon Road. She had the use of the kitchen and a gas stove, and the cost of electricity and gas was included in the rent. Because the bathroom was now used as a bedroom, she said, it was only possible to have a bath once every three weeks or a month - and then water had to be carried into the bathroom

1947 05 02

Alderman Dr Wood, chairman of Cambridge Housing Committee said "We are in an extremely difficult situation. We have got perhaps a hundred and fifty cases where we have a man working in Cambridge with his wife and family elsewhere - cases where after six years of separation during the war the family and the father are still separated". It appeared that it is going to take ten to twelve years at the present rate to find accommodation for all wanting it. Coun Cutting said "I think we will have a very ugly situation before us next winter. I cannot imagine that those who suffered and fought are going to endure this for many more months"

But to have babies they needed a home



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SQUATTERS AT LENS ROAD HOUSE

Girl Student Moves in

MORE HUTS TAKEN OVER

A GIRL who is coming to the University next Term to continue studying medicine is one of the squatters who took over 36, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, during last night and this morning.

"My husband, who was a flying officer in the R.A.F., is shortly coming here on Class B 'demob.' to continue his studies at Emmanuel College," she told a "C.D.N." reporter. "We haven't been able to find a house, so we have found this solution to the problem."

Three other families have taken over other rooms in the house. One, Mrs. F. Pink, has five children, two boys and three girls, ranging from 14 to six years old.

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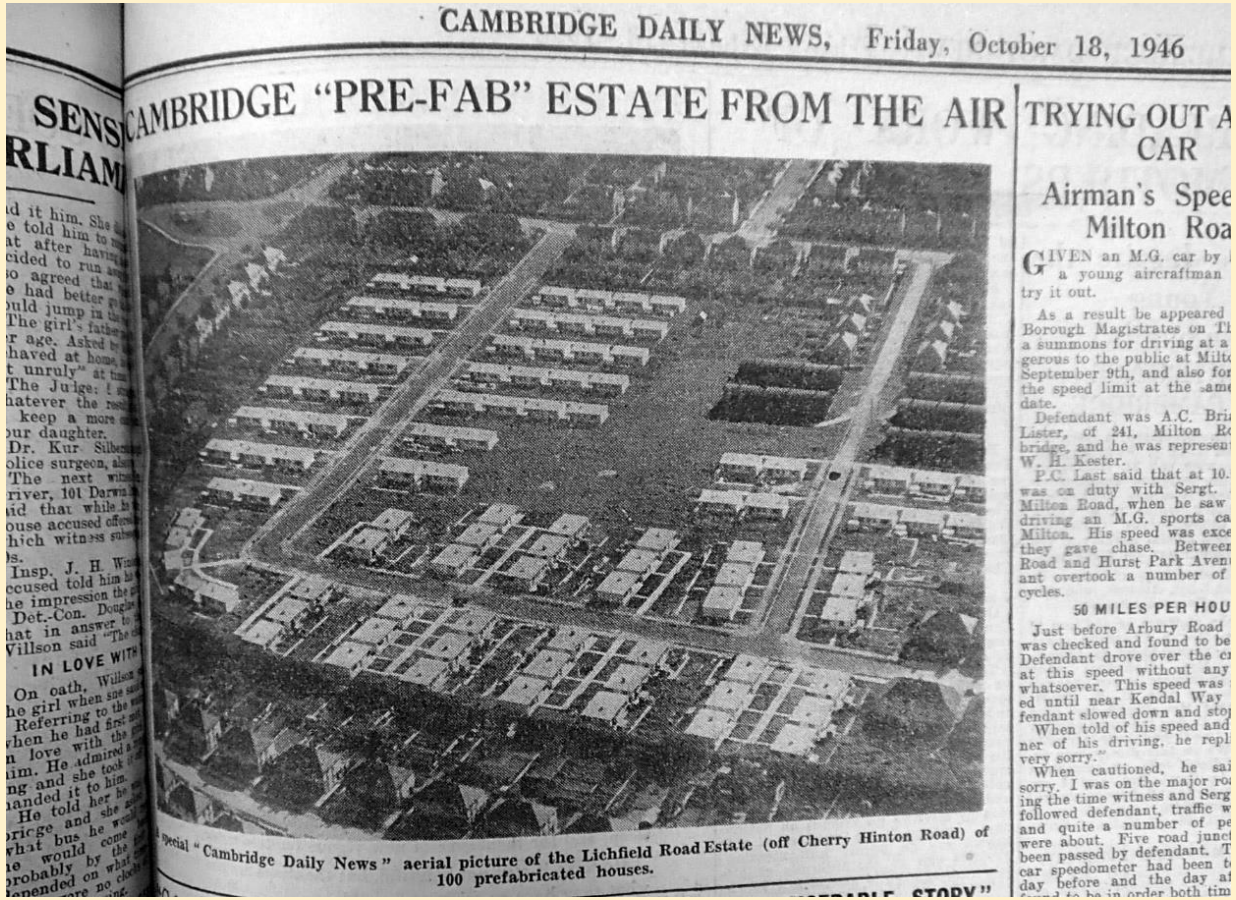
The Shadow of Authority! — A Military Policeman is daily guarding the wire-barricaded hutments on Donkey's Common, making sure that the A.T.S. do not get any squatter neighbours. [Cambridge Daily News

WORRIED ABOUT HIS

Squatters are still active in Cambridge at have just taken over three further sites. Just off Long Road that is an old ack ack with 10 huts. Nine have been claimed but not all the tenants have taken up residence. In one a lady and her small son are comfortably installed and quite happy. She said her husband found the huts on Thursday evening and they made a dash on Friday morning. Then others appeared from nowhere. Her husband is an ex-naval man released in May. They have been living with their relatives and are pleased to have somewhere they can call their own. Their neighbours have been married for 3½ years and this is their first home together. He was for 10 months a Prisoner-of-War in Germany.

1947 01

Mrs Thurlborn of 29 Victoria Road rented a bedroom and sitting-room at £1.15.0 a week in December. It included gas and electricity, and she and her husband had the use of the coal shed. Recently a cold water basin had been put in. Her landlord told the Tribunal he paid £1.10.0 a week rent for the house. He wanted the rooms for his family as he, his wife and two children, the elder aged nearly 5 all slept in the same room. The rent was reduced to £1.5.0



CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Friday, October 18, 1946

CAMBRIDGE "PRE-FAB" ESTATE FROM THE AIR

Special "Cambridge Daily News" aerial picture of the Lichfield Road Estate (off Cherry Hinton Road) of 100 prefabricated houses.

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STEEL "PRE-FABS" AT TRUMPINGTON

[Photos] [Cambridge Daily News

Two pictures of the British Iron and Steel Federation type of prefabricated house in course of construction. Sixty-two of these are due to be erected on the Cambridge Council's Trumpington site. Thirty thousand of these houses, which are of steel construction, are going up in the country, and we understand that providing materials arrive, those at Trumpington will be nearing completion at Christmas. Accommodation consists of three bedrooms, two living rooms, kitchen, bathroom and usual conveniences. Even the staircase is of steel, the steps of course, being covered in wood. Ample cupboard room it fitted.

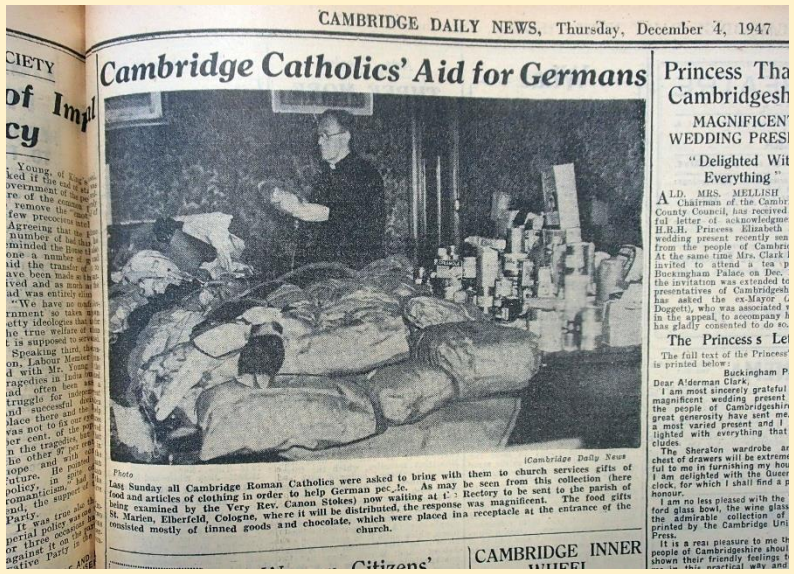
1947 04 21

Simplicity and speed is the key-note in the Cambridge Borough Council's Birdwood Road building site, when 158 permanent concrete houses are being erected. Machinery used in the work of construction - like cranes, cement- mixers and lifts for conveying concrete to the scaffolding tops - is electrically powered from the Electricity Company's supply. Briefly the method of construction is this : a concrete foundation is laid and on it a steel case is placed in position. Concrete is poured into this steel "skeleton" and after the mixture has set the case is removed - leaving concrete walls with an air-space between. The roofs will be tiled. Ninety per cent of the labour, incidentally, is Polish 47 04 21

1947 07 05

Many of the German p.o.w. recently in the camp at Cambridge have been sent to other parts of the country, and I was shown this week a copy of the final issue of the 1025 camp newspaper. This starts with a farewell message by the C.O. (Major A.J. Ferris) who writes "I had hoped to retain the Company as such until repatriation thinned us right down but Higher Authority has ruled differently and now 1025 has to disband – you to work in agriculture and I go to civil life. The year of this Company's existence will I hope not be the worst of your time in captivity. I wish you all the best of luck when you eventually get back to your own country, and I hope that your return will not be long delayed" - Table Talk

The war had impacted on other families in other countries



CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Thursday, December 4, 1947

Cambridge Catholics' Aid for Germans

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"Delighted Wit
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(Cambridge Daily News Photo)

Last Sunday all Cambridge Roman Catholics were asked to bring with them to church services gifts of food and articles of clothing in order to help German people. As may be seen from this collection (here being examined by the Very Rev. Canon Stokes) now waiting at the Rectory to be sent to the parish of St. Marien, Elberfeld, Cologne, where it will be distributed, the response was magnificent. The food gifts consisted mostly of tinned goods and chocolate, which were placed in a receptacle at the entrance of the church.

CAMBRIDGE INNER

1947 05 19

"However any calamities the war brought, it brought one great saving - it has resulted in closer relations between England and Poland than ever before in history. The Poles have 'discovered' the English, and learned to appreciate their great qualities, and in the same way many English people have 'discovered' the Poles. This opinion was expressed in Cambridge on Saturday by Dr Z. Lubienski, lecturer in the department of education, Cambridge University, when he addressed members of the Cambridge Women's Luncheon Club, after a luncheon in the Dorothy Cafe.

Displaced girls sought work and homes here – though they had to be requested by name

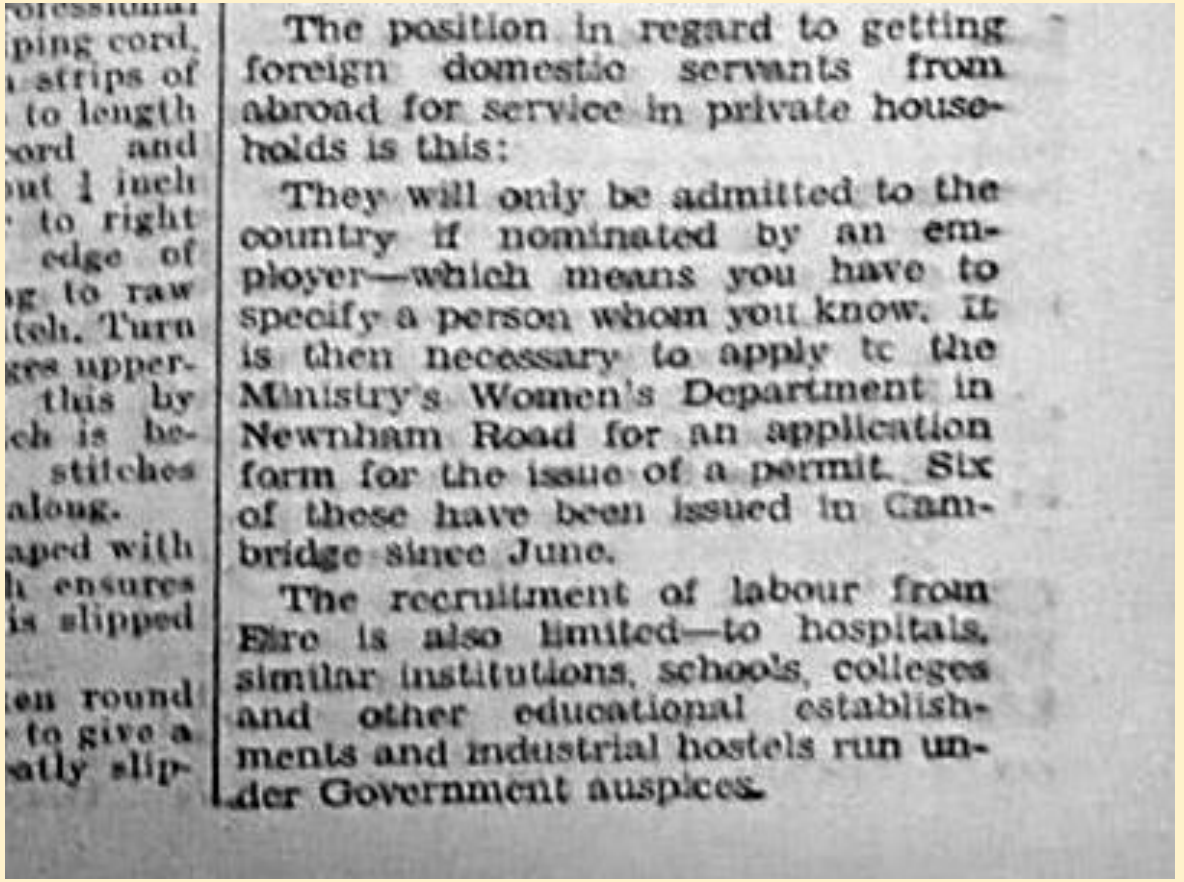
ed to do so—which would give a false picture of the position when it comes to building.

Foreign Domestic Helps Are Not for You!

YOU may recall reading in our news columns a short time ago about a number of girls of Baltic origin who have come to England to do domestic work. Seventeen of them went to Papworth.

Wondering if there was any possibility of obtaining such girls for private domestic work locally, I made enquiries from the local office of the Ministry of Labour. Their reply was not too hopeful, but I am passing the information given me on to you as I believe many people would like to know what the position is in regard to getting such labour for private houses.

It was pointed out to me that although a substantial number have come to England, from Displaced Persons Camps in the British zone of Germany, the expense of bringing them here has to be borne by the Government, and they are only being used at the moment for sanatoria and tuberculosis hospitals.



The position in regard to getting foreign domestic servants from abroad for service in private households is this:

They will only be admitted to the country if nominated by an employer—which means you have to specify a person whom you know. It is then necessary to apply to the Ministry's Women's Department in Newnham Road for an application form for the issue of a permit. Six of these have been issued in Cambridge since June.

The recruitment of labour from Eire is also limited—to hospitals, similar institutions, schools, colleges and other educational establishments and industrial hostels run under Government auspices.

1947 08 30

An assurance that he would try and bring their families over to England as soon as possible was given to the displaced persons at West Wratting Eastern Volunteer Workers' Camp by Mr George Isaacs, the Minister of Labour, when he visited the camp and inspected it. He had lunch with about 250 of the E.V.W.s in one of their two dining rooms. The meal, the normal one served at the camp, consisted of soup, cold beef, salad and potatoes, baked apple and custard and, finally, coffee. After Mr Isaacs had visited all sections of the camp, which houses some 900 volunteer workers awaiting employment, he went on to the former Bottisham airfield where final preparations were being made for opening another camp the following day when the first intake of 270 was to arrive

Displaced families needed to be fed – though they might not have coupons

1947 08 28

Fines totalling £35 were imposed on a Cambridge baker who admitted having sold 71 loaves of bread without coupons to Ukranians from the European Volunteers Workers' Hostel at West Wratting. It was stated that the bread was being sold at the camp by the men for 6s. for a 2lb loaf. The baker said that a procession of displaced persons told him a terrible tale about the shortage of food at their camp. Some told him they only got three slices of bread a day and pleaded with him to let them have some. He let them have some stale loaves as with the particular flour used now it was difficult to sell stale bread. He made no profit out of it and had no idea they were being sold for such exorbitant prices at the camp

1947 03 11

"We all have our share of food and those who want more are greedy - and when they take illegal means to get extra it is something far more serious. A charwoman of Coldham's Lane heard these words from the chairman of Cambridge Borough Magistrates (Mr W.L. Briggs) at the Magistrates court when she was fined £2 and £3 respectively for stealing a ration book and using it when it was not issued to her. The defendant was 59 years old. On leaving school she took up domestic work. In the 1914-18 war she worked as a charwoman and was still employed as such. Her husband died two years ago and there were six in the family - all married with the exception of a daughter aged 18. Defendant's earnings, a widow's pension and an allowance from her daughter, amounted to £2 a week, p5

Cambridge folk too befitted from the charity of others

1947 10 24

Nearly 2,000 old or needy Cambridge people yesterday received gifts of foodstuffs sent from the people of Victoria, Australia. The gifts were many and varied, consisting of Christmas puddings, preserves, canned fruit, dripping, meat products, dried milk, soups, dried fruit, vegetables, cheese and soap. The Agent-General of Victoria said when they discovered we were short of food housewives throughout Australia had queued up to give it to be sent to the people over here

1947 05 29

Many of the 2,400 persons in the Borough of Cambridge who had been notified that they were to receive a gift of food-stuffs given by the peoples of Melbourne and Sydney (Australia) and South Africa, were on the doorstep of the Guildhall promptly at 9 o'clock this morning when the distribution began. These foodstuffs, comprising syrup, preserves, meat and vegetable stew, orange crush, grape fruit juice, and small quantity of canned fruit, totalled some 6,000 tins and bottles. Some of the recipients had previously received similar gifts from other countries and knew their value. For others the nature of the presents were a pleasant surprise

1947 03 13

From all parts of the district today come stories of flooded roads, following on the thaw and rain, with some of them impassable to traffic. In Cambridge itself, Parkers Piece, which for weeks has been an expanse of dazzling white, with not so much as a blade of grass showing, now resembles a lake

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Haddenham Fen Inundated by Old West

SERIOUS BREACH IN THE WISSEY

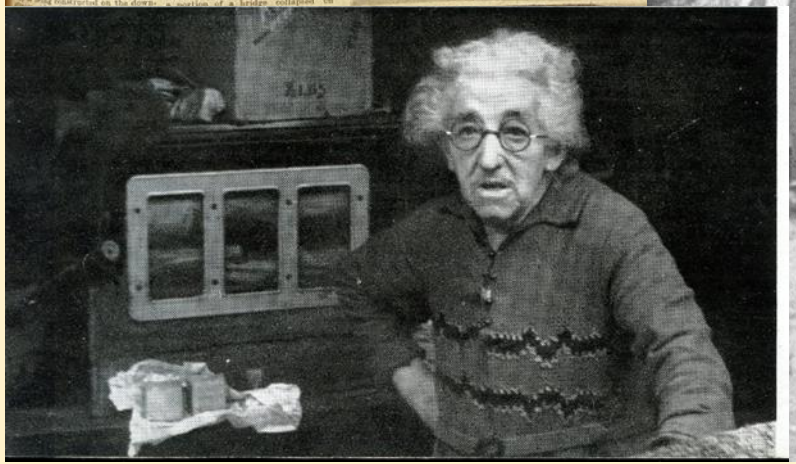
FLOODS IN FENLAND ARE THE MOST WIDESPREAD AND DISASTROUS IN LIVING MEMORY, AND BREACHES IN THE RIVER BANKS ARE BECOMING WIDER.

By yesterday, the total area affected was more than 100 square miles.

Rivers have broken their banks at several points and threatened to burst at many more. Night and day, thousands of Fenmen, assisted by troops and German prisoners of war, have been putting their efforts against the biggest flood threat of all time.

SPECIAL AERIAL PICTURES

Cambridgeshire folk too were refugees, driven from their homes by flood



NOTES ON THE NEWS

A RESPONSE indicating a need for Day Nurseries in several parts of the town has met the Borough Medical Officer of Health's recent appeal, in our advertisement columns, for parents to write and say whether or not they would make use of one.

The information was required in order that plans might be completed in regard to size and siting for Day Nurseries for infants under a year and toddlers up to five. The idea was to find out the numbers of children for whom such a service was needed and the districts in which they live.

The Medical Officer (Dr. W. Hartston), telling me about the response, said some who wrote were on the waiting list for existing nurseries.

Parents were asked to state their reasons for wanting one and I understand that various replies were given. Some mothers said that a nursery would enable them to go out to work, others that it would help the mental development of their little ones to associate with others of their own age in suitable surroundings.

Dr. Hartston did, however, stress that in his opinion for every one parent who had written there were four others who had not yet bothered to do so—which would give a false picture of the position when it comes to building.

Foreign Domestic Helps Are Not for You!

YOU may recall reading in our news columns a short time ago

Children needed nurseries

1947 05 28
There is an urgent requirement at Trumpington for school accommodation to meet the needs of children from the new housing estate. Coun Mrs Rackham told the Cambridge primary education sub-committee that children were "coming in fast" from the new estate but it would not be a wise proceeding to erect huts as it would take such a very long time and it was doubtful if they would be ready before the new school in, it was hoped, September 1948. The playground too would be very much spoiled by building operations and it was a far better idea, if possible, to use the Free Church Schoolroom

1947 04 16
Hundreds of men and women now starting on teaching Courses at the Emergency Training Colleges being opened all over the country will emerge fully qualified to take posts in the schools waiting so anxiously for them. One of these colleges was opened in the grounds of Wimpole Park. Used during the war as an American Red Cross Hospital the buildings have been adapted for the purpose and now house 260 students drawn from all over the country. All men, and mainly in their late twenties they will share a communal existence and all sorts of clubs and societies will be started for their leisure hours, p5

Schools were under pressure

1947 09 24
The question of providing further primary school accommodation at Cherry Hinton was mentioned at the Cambridge Borough General Purposes Committee. At a July meeting, when it was thought 200 aluminium bungalows were to be built immediately it was decided to arrange for the early erection of two classrooms adjoining Cherry Hinton School. However it is now proposed to proceed with the erection of only 100 aluminium bungalows, 75 of which would be allocated to civil servants and it was impossible to forecast the amount of educational accommodation required.

1947 06 27

It is the opinion of the Headmaster of Chesterton Modern School that every boy there is two years retarded in certain subjects. When presenting his report at yesterday's Speech Day and prize-giving he said "My estimate is that every boy in this school is two years retarded in many subjects - such as mental work, where there was no teacher during the war, science, where there was no teacher for a long period, and art, where there was a great variation of teacher and method". He knew a number of parents realised that, because many of them were only too anxious to have their boys return to school after the school-leaving age had been reached. Last year 29 returned voluntarily, and 22 of these were coming back again in September

Teachers were under pressure

1947 10 30

The Principal of the Cambridge Training College for Teachers maintained that what was needed above all else was some kind of stability for the young people, who had not had the pre-war background of the older generation, and were trying to find themselves in a difficult world. "Bed time has been an immense problem; many mothers have allowed girls of 12 upwards to stay up and keep them company. The result was there were now so many young people - possibly at the Universities - who had simply not had enough sleep for the length of their life". Youth clubs were affecting the older girls who went in for dancing that kept them out late. The wireless, too, was a disturbing influence during homework

1947 10 06
In the converted green and cream day nursery, and to the happy shouts of the little ones playing in the spacious garden outside, the Harvey Goodwin House, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, which has been adapted from a Home for boys to a nursery for babies and toddlers in the care of the Church of England Children's Society (formerly the "Waifs and Strays") was opened by Lady Whitby. It will accommodate 20 children who remain there until adopted or boarded out. Many friends gathered in the day nursery which has been ideally adapted for the purpose with its cheerful colour scheme, gay chintz curtains at the big windows, nursery pictures on the walls and evidence of its young occupants in the soft toys scattered around.

Orphans and ill children needed to be cared for

1947 07 25
The foundation stone of what will be a home solely for the care of children suffering from Tuberculosis was laid at Papworth Village Settlement by the Princess Royal. It will be known as the Edith Edwards Children's Home. The Home will accommodate 50 children, from infancy to the age of 1 years. At present there are not more than six children's homes in the whole of England devoted wholly to tuberculosis cases, and with the increase of the disease during the war years, these have long waiting lists.

1947 08 02

The necessity of reducing the waiting list at Addenbrooke's Hospital was a point emphasised by several Brethren at the meeting of the Cambridge & County Friendly Societies Council. Brother W.A. Driver said something would have to be done in the near future because it was alarming to find that the present waiting list was 1,082, as compared with 987 last month. It did not speak too well to those who were waiting to get in and could not through lack of beds. In the private wards for 1946 there were 146 patients, while for 1947 were 163. Bro. Brasher said "We have got to see that there is a bed waiting for every patient and not a patient waiting for the bed. We must see that when anybody wants hospital treatment it is available for them"

There are both blue and pink nurseries—so as this one is in pale pink and apple green perhaps it is "Miss Baby" taking a look 'round!

Hospitals and Nurses were under pressure

1947 11 13

There is a need for part-time nurses in Cambridgeshire and a campaign to recruit them is to be launched. Fulbourn was described as being "in a dangerous position" and one of the main difficulties mentioned by the Matrons of hospitals in the area was getting people for night and weekend work. Asked for their views Mrs Ditchburn said: "We at the County Hospital are very fortunate. We are well staffed and have our full complement". Mrs Mace explaining the position at Chesterton said approximately a third of the present staff was part time, which meant the night, weekend and early morning duties fell to the permanent staff. Mrs Bradley said that Linton was only one short of the full complement. At Fulbourn they had 32 permanent and 27 part time nurses to look after 528 patients

1947 07 14

Homes specially intended for old people should be in towns rather than in the country said Lord Amulree in addressing the Woman Public Health Officers' Association Summer School in Cambridge. It was a great advantage to have the home in a town, he said. For a large majority of people a home in the country did not work at all. "Most of our population are townspeople and also, when they are growing old, their interests become rather contracted. Old people do enjoy calling on their friends' houses. They like to go to the local pub or to the pictures, and if they cannot do that they like to sit in the window and watch other people going to the pub and to the cinema"

The Elderly also needed care

1947 05 07

Some 200 local women took part in the Guildhall in the first big physical culture display to be held in Cambridge since before the war. It was a first-rate demonstration given by members of the Cambridge Women's Physical Culture Club, which is run by the Misses Marjorie and Mary Vinsen. In a display lasting and hour and a half they gave eloquent proof of the buoyant elasticity which can be attained through exercise and an indication of the physical fitness which results, for at the end of a strenuous performance they appeared as fresh as when they started.

Women kept themselves fit and attractive

1947 06 21

Miss Cambridge 1947 was last night chosen from about a dozen young girls who entered for the competition at the Summertime Ball in the Guildhall. Arranged by Billy Kaye, the ball which was in the modern manner, had non- stop dancing to three bands, one of them the Orquestra Cubanos, providing a complete rhumba session. The competitors were called on the platform and the best three chosen by two judges. They were then placed in order of merit by the volume of applause received from the audience. The winners were 1 Miss Margaret Bale, 2 Miss Gwen Aves, 3 Miss Jean Kirby

1947 07 30

History was made in the Shire Hall Council Chamber on Saturday, when Ald Mrs Mellish Clark, first woman chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council, and of any County Council outside London, took the chair for the first time. She brought to it exactly the same degree of competence she brings to all meetings over which she presides, conducting the proceedings in a practical, business-like way, wasting no time on unessentials. She did not hesitate to call the meeting to order - doing this on two occasions when more than one tried to speak at the same time.

Ladies and girls achieved distinction in Local Government and sport

1947 10 29

A notable honour in the world of fencing was won by a Cambridge girl when Miss Caroline Drew, aged 16, won the Schoolgirls' Foil Challenge Cup Competition held at the London Fencing Club - and brought the cup to Cambridge for the first time. Caroline is a pupil of the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls and a member of the Cambridge Ladies Fencing Club which was founded some 20 years ago has a membership of about 40, comprising girls and women of both University and town

1947 11 07

The President of the Coton Women's Institute said that such was the pressure on the present bus services from the village that housewives had to shop "by proxy". When people did eventually get into Cambridge they found "the cupboard bare". Mrs Burbage of Cambridge Road, Coton, said that people were often left behind and had to reply on motorists to give them a lift into Cambridge. The last time she travelled back on the 12.20 bus from Cambridge she said, "We were really packed in like sardines and I was really scared to travel"

Shopping and transport presented problems

1947 10 04

A bus driver who allowed his sympathy to exceed his caution was fined a total of £6 when he appeared before the Cambridge Petty sessions. PC Bert Patton was on patrol duty at 6.30 pm when he saw the single decker Premier Travel bus in Trumpington Street. He noticed it was a twenty seater being used as an express carriage. Besides those seated there were 20 adult passengers standing. Several more were sitting on the steps at the entrance, and on the right of the driver there was a passenger sitting on the emergency door, the window of which was open. The body of this passenger was protruding outside the bus for a distance of nine inches. The constable allowed the defendant to drive the vehicle to Drummer Street so as not to inconvenience the passengers. Here he pointed out that the vehicle was being used as an express carriage and there should have been no people standing. To this the driver replied "Well, you cannot very well leave them behind

1947 05 21
So that parents of young children can go out to the cinema, or visit friends or relations, a sitters-in service was started in Cambridge a year ago and has been operating ever since. At the present time there are 49 sitters and 62 parents on the register. The cost of the service is an annual subscription of 2s 6d which enables the parent to be on the register for a year, and 2s 6d each time a sitter-in is employed. Their "star turn" I am told, was, until she left Cambridge recently, much to the regret of all, a grandmother of 70!

‘Sitters-in’ allowed couples a chance to go out, though the Cosmo Cinema closed

1947 06 04
With regret many enthusiastic and appreciative cinema-goers have learned of the closing at the end of the week of the Cosmopolitan Cinema, Cambridge. For fourteen years now it has been open and has a proud record since right from its beginning it gave Cambridge something out of the ordinary. The owners of the Central Hall, the Conservative Club, have seen fit to raise the rent to a sum which the directors of the Cosmopolitan Cinema Ltd feel unable to pay. Developing out of the first Cambridge Film Society, the Cosmo was opened on October 16th, 1933. (It later reopened as the Arts Cinema in October 1947)

1947 10 17

The new "temple" of the fifth art was opened by the Mayor last night. The art is that of cinema; the "temple" the former Cosmopolitan in Market Passage, re-decorated and renamed the Arts Cinema. He said "I feel the cinema will prove an added amenity to Cambridge". The success of the cinema would depend to a very great extent on a wise selection of films and efficient management. Sound and projection have been improved since the cinema was the Cosmopolitan though teething troubles prevented both being experienced that their best. The seating - with seats from the Festival Theatre - is now sloped

The Cosmo reopened as the Arts Cinema and the New Theatre also started showing films, adding to the other picture-houses

1947 10 14

It was "L'Entente Cordiale" night when the redecorated New Theatre, Cambridge, after an almost ten-year closure, re-opened yesterday as a cinema for the showing of Continental films. The Cross of Lorraine hung side-by- side with the Union Jack outside the cinema in honour of the visit of Francoise Rosay, the famous French film star who performed the opening ceremony. The Mayor (Coun. Doggett) wished the venture every success and expressed the hope that successful films may be followed by stage plays. "We have one theatre in this town but in my opinion there is plenty of room for a second theatre, particularly one with a larger stage". Capt A.C. Taylor, Managing Director of the "Cambridge Daily News" echoed the hope that some theatrical shows would be staged.

1947 10 20
History was made in Cambridge Guildhall yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the debut in Cambridge of the recently formed Eastern Region Symphony Orchestra, a new combination of Mozartian proportions, created to fill the gap caused by the difficulty of getting already-established orchestras away from their accustomed venues for a whole series of concerts

Cambridge Guildhall hosted a Symphony Orchestra and a Hairdressing competition

1947 10 17
Cambridge Guildhall was transformed into a hairdressing salon for the first hair styling competition ever held in Cambridge. There were 22 entrants in the contest, two only were men. There were several original styles but the general line of dressing was upswept, following the line of the hair, and close fitting, with waves and curls. Many of the competitors favoured swathed backs with waves moving across the head and curls haloing it. Practically every shade of hair was represented, from platinum to silver, but reddish shades predominated. The winning competitor (Muriel Ham) designed an original creation, the finished effect of which looked rather like a Geisha girl. The hair was built high on the crown in an asymmetric yet balanced line and the nape hair taken in with swathed cuts

Secretaries needed to eat … and a ‘Civic’ Restaurant opened in Petty Cury

1947 10 13

Sir - We secretaries, typists and general office workers of this town have a grievance. Isn't it time something was done about the congestion existing in the Cafeterias and Quick Service Restaurants at all the rush hour times, caused by the invasion of undergraduates. Surely the facilities at the various colleges provide them with a mid-day meal, and if this should not prove sufficient, why must they patronise all the catering establishments at the critical time when we, the working population, adjourn for lunch? Owing to the acute food shortage, after spending the first 20 minutes of our brief lunch hour queueing, we arrive at the service counter to find all the most nourishing dishes gone and have to satisfy ourselves with the inevitable sausages and other equally indifferent fare. (This can become extremely monotonous every day). One of many "Hungry Typists", Yours etc Mavis Bennett, Gt Shelford

1947 10 02

New premises, a new name and new services for Cambridge's British restaurant were marked by the attendance of the Mayor at an informal opening ceremony. The new premises are in the old G.P.O. building at the corner of Petty Cury. The new name is the Cambridge Borough restaurant, and the new services are a more varied lunch menu instead of the old "flat rate". The cafeteria system of serving is being introduced, by which you slide a tray along choosing your dish and pay when you have completed your selection. First to eat in the new premises were the workmen employed on the job who were entertained to lunch with a typical menu of cream of vegetable soup, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, baked and boiled potatoes and cabbage, blackberry and apple tart and custard.

1947 11 05

In spite of the fact that there are even fewer fireworks about this year than last, we shall doubtless hear quite a few bangs to-night, organised by those boys whose hours of patient waiting have been rewarded by securing a few of the precious squibs, spinning wheels, golden rain and other varieties which delight both the eye and the ear. The shortage is due to a combination of three things - shortage of paper, labour and fuel, paper being possibly the primary one. The Board of Trade have issued an appeal to the public not to use waste paper and cardboard for November the Fifth bonfires as it goes to make packaging for exports and ceiling boards for new houses

Life started to return to 'normal' – with explosions from fireworks, not bombs

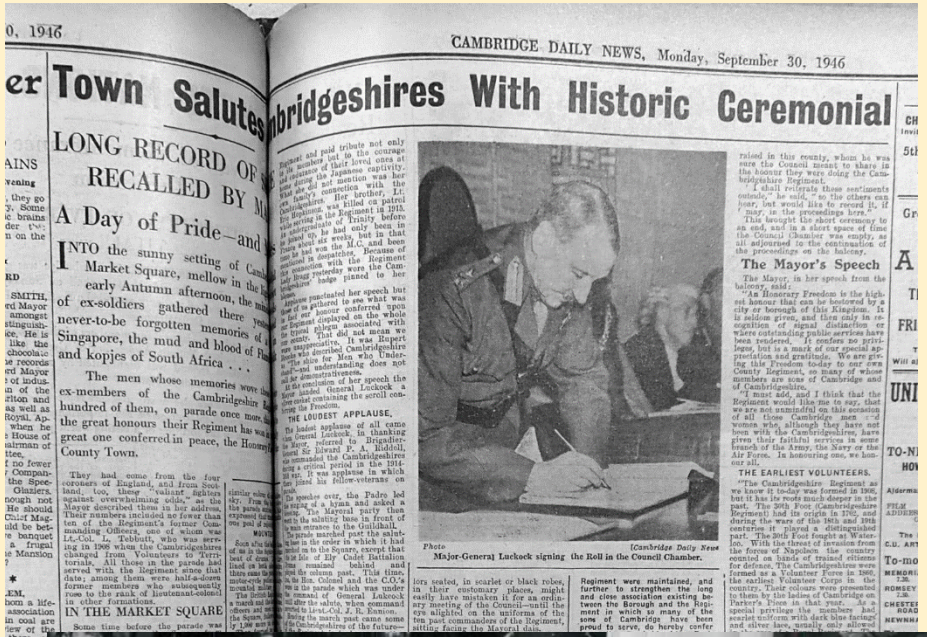
1947 11 06

Six undergraduates and two RAF men were arrested during the usual Guy Fawkes Night scenes in the centre of Cambridge last night. From 7.30 crowds grew steadily on Market Hill. Fireworks were discharged freely and the din reached its peak between eight and half-past. Members of the University who earlier had been outnumbered by more than ten to one were in force by nine o'clock, several minor scuffles occurred about this time, and the first of several policemen's helmets disappeared. Proctors and their "bulldogs" early kept undergraduates on the move. After that the crowd gradually thinned away, and by 1.15 there were only groups here and there

The Memory of war was ever-present

1947 11 10

Cambridge's Remembrance Parade, 300 strong, which yesterday honoured the fallen in church and at the War Memorial, was the biggest muster for several years. Big crowds lined the streets as the parade marched to Holy Trinity for the British Legion's annual Service of Remembrance, and as later it made its way to the War Memorial, where wreaths were laid.



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CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Monday, September 30, 1946

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RECALLED BY M

A Day of Pride—and

INTO the sunny setting of Cam
Market Square, mellow in the
early Autumn afternoon, the
of ex-soldiers gathered there
never-to-be forgotten memories of
Singapore, the mud and blood of Flan
and kopjes of South Africa . . .

The men whose memories were
ex-members of the Cambridgeshire
hundred of them, on parade once more
the great honours their Regiment has
great one conferred in peace, the Honour
County Town.

They had come from the four
corners of England, and from Scot
land, too, these valiant fighters
against overwhelming odds," as the
Mayor described them in her address.
Their numbers included no fewer than
ten of the Regiment's former Com
manding Officers, one of whom was
Lt.-Col. L. Tebbutt, who was serv
ing in 1908 when the Cambridgeshires
changed from Volunteers to Territo
torials. All those in the parade had
served with the Regiment since that
date; among them were half-a-dozen
former members who subsequently
rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel
in other formations.

IN THE MARKET SQUARE

Some time before the parade was

bridgeshires With Historic Ceremonial

Photo [Cambridge Daily News
Major-General Luckock signing the Roll in the Council Chamber.

The Mayor's Speech

THE LOUDEST APPLAUSE.

THE EARLIEST VOLUNTEERS.

Regiment were maintained, and further to strengthen the long and close association existing between the Borough and the Regiment in which so many of the sons of Cambridge have been proud to serve, do hereby confer

Royal visits boosted morale – and shopping

1947 06 03
Visiting Cambridge today to attend a celebration associated with age - the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Trinity College - the King and Queen were greeted early by youth, represented by 6,000 Cambridge schoolchildren who cheered wildly as their Majesties drove along Station Road on the first stage of their journey. In several shop windows in the centre of town goods had been replaced a few minutes before the King and Queen passed, by assistants, etc, and the blue-frocked staff of Messrs Boots had a grandstand view from large packing boxes placed in the front entrance

[Cambridge Daily News
Majesty.—Queen Mary entering her car yesterday at Cam-
after her visit to Mr. Stanley Woolston's antiques shop in St.
Andrew's Street.

1947 06 04
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1947 11 20
The thoughts of women everywhere will be with H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, when, in a few short hours from now, she goes to the altar of Westminster Abbey to her bridegroom, Lieut Philip Mountbatten. Wedding presents have been bought as a response to the public appeal launched some time ago, when people were invited to subscribe a shilling each. Cambridgeshire's money has been spent on a collection of antique furniture and glass, two sets of books and two garden seats. The latter were made at Papworth Industries, but everything else was purchased in Cambridge and is on view to the public at Mr Stanley Woolston's shop in St Andrew's Street

But there was one especial Royal Occasion to celebrate – the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten

1947 11 20
Many people unable to be in their homes listened to the broadcast of the Royal Wedding in Cambridge cinemas, all of which were thrown open for the purpose, free of charge. The biggest audience is reported from the Central Cinema who estimated the total as being in the neighbourhood of 500. The sound equipment at the Regal broke down at the last minute and the small queue which had formed there was diverted to the New Theatre opposite, where a set had been hastily brought from his home and installed in the foyer by the Manager and the thrilling, impressive and historic service of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, future Queen of England and Lieut. Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, was heard by a number of people. Messrs Miller ad Sons, Sidney Street, to meet many requests from customers, televised the proceedings in one of their studios, which was packed

Cambridge University voted to allow women full status

1947 12 08
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December 8, 1947

THEY'LL SOON BE UNDERGRADUETTES NOW

Full Varsity Status for Women

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The decision was briefly reported in Saturday's editions of the "Cambridge Daily News."

About fifty members of the Regent House—the legislative body of the University composed of resident members of the Senate who are University and college officers—heard the Senior Proctor (Dr. J. H. Parry) read the Grace—the third of the afternoon—

"That the recommendations contained in the Report, dated 21st May, 1947, of the Syndicate appointed to consider the status of women in the University be approved."

The two Proctors standing on a dias beside the scarlet-robed Vice-Chancellor (Prof. C. E. Raven), left a longer pause than usual between the reading of the Grace and their utterance of "Placet," to give anyone who wished a chance to signify disapproval of the proposal by saying "Non placet." But no one voiced objection.

FEW WOMEN PRESENT.

A handful of women students, undergraduates and other visitors in the gallery heard the decision made. Reason for the smallness of the undergraduate attendance was that Term has ended.

In contrast to the time 50 years ago when similar proposals were voted on while a large crowd and a large body of police waited outside the Senate House, there was on Saturday afternoon no crowd and only two policemen, one of whom asked a "C.D.N." reporter what was happening as several people had asked him and he had been unable to tell them!

GIRTON AND NEWNHAM VIEWS.

Miss K. T. Butler, Mistress of Girton, told a reporter after the ceremony: "It has been a long time coming but it has been worth waiting for. It means full status for women in the University and that is just what we wanted."

She added that she saw no reason against a woman being Vice-Chancellor.

The form of academic dress for women would probably be decided between the officers of the two women's colleges, she said.

The comment of Miss Myra Curtis, Prfncipal of Newnham, was "Members of my college and myself are very proud and happy to be members of the University.

IN FORCE BY OCTOBER?

It is planned that the new regulations shall come into force at the beginning of the next academic year in October . Women will then take degrees instead of getting the title of a degree; they will come under Proctorial supervision; they will be eligible for University offices—including that of Vice-Chancellor but excluding that of Proctor—and will wear academic dress.

Oxford granted women full status after the 1914-18 war.

And Christmas was coming – the time for children

1947 11 12

I am assured that people have started Christmas shopping even earlier than usual this year, as they are afraid there will be no toys left at Christmas. Apparently shoppers are not deterred by the prices, for they are buying the expensive lines and big toys. The sort of things being bought are scooters, tricycles and pedal cars, dolls houses (from 30s. to £6.6.0), & sleeping dolls with real hair from Czechoslovakia. A good average for a doll is 50s. and for a teddy bear £3.10.0. Clockwork toys are in great demand, but short supply. Rubber bath toys are back again, at prices like 5s.11d. Novelty crackers are being made once more at prices like 18s.9d

1947 11 26

Cambridge is well used to welcoming Very Important Persons but none is so sure of a vociferous reception from the youngsters as Father Christmas. He was received with traditional acclaim on Saturday when, in the presence of hundreds of youngsters, he arrived at Mitcham's Corner, Chesterton Road. On arrival he proceeded to deliver the goods in the traditional way, leaving his "reindeer coach", climbing up a ladder outside the shop and disappearing down a big chimney. A crowd of children saw him in Nurseryland, surrounded by his friends, the Three Little Pigs, Big Bad Wolf, Pluto, Micky and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and others. He will remain in residence until Christmas Eve

This presentation has featured 50 stories published in Cambridge newspapers in 1947. ***A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook*** has thousands of similar stories for every year between 1897 and 1990 including scores of local villages. They can be read and downloaded, for free, from Internet Archive.

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A few of those resources have also been shared online. They include a Cambridgeshire Scrapbook recording events as they happened day by day between 1897 and 1990

Many entries are followed by a date code, YY-MM-DD.
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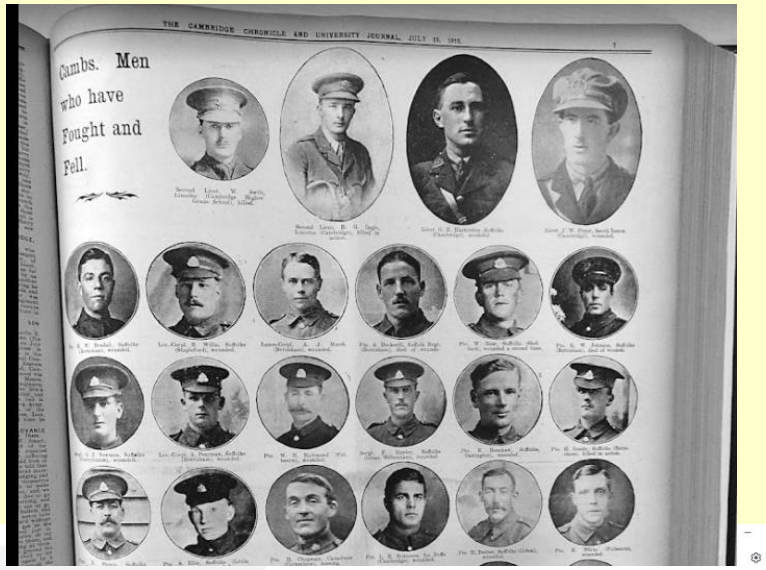

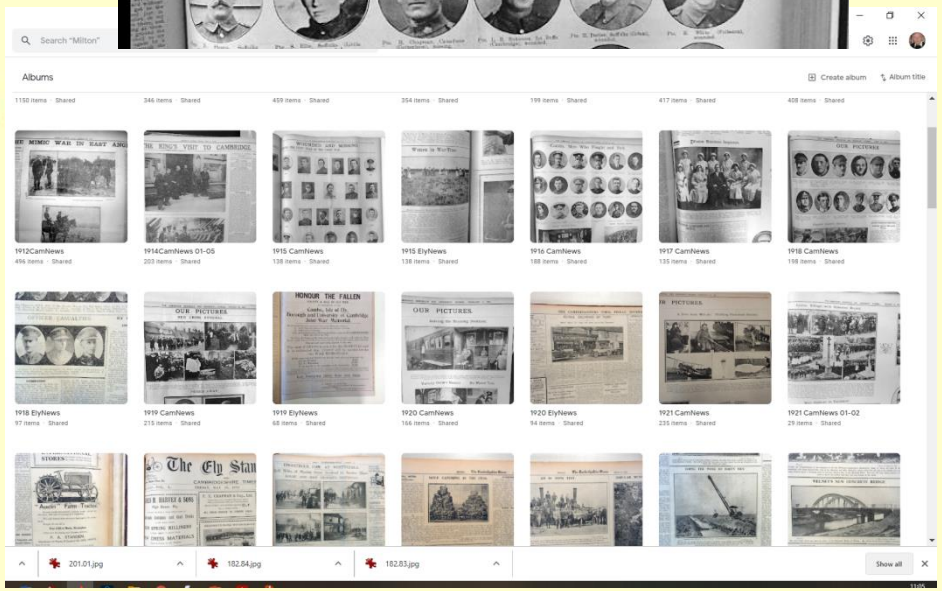

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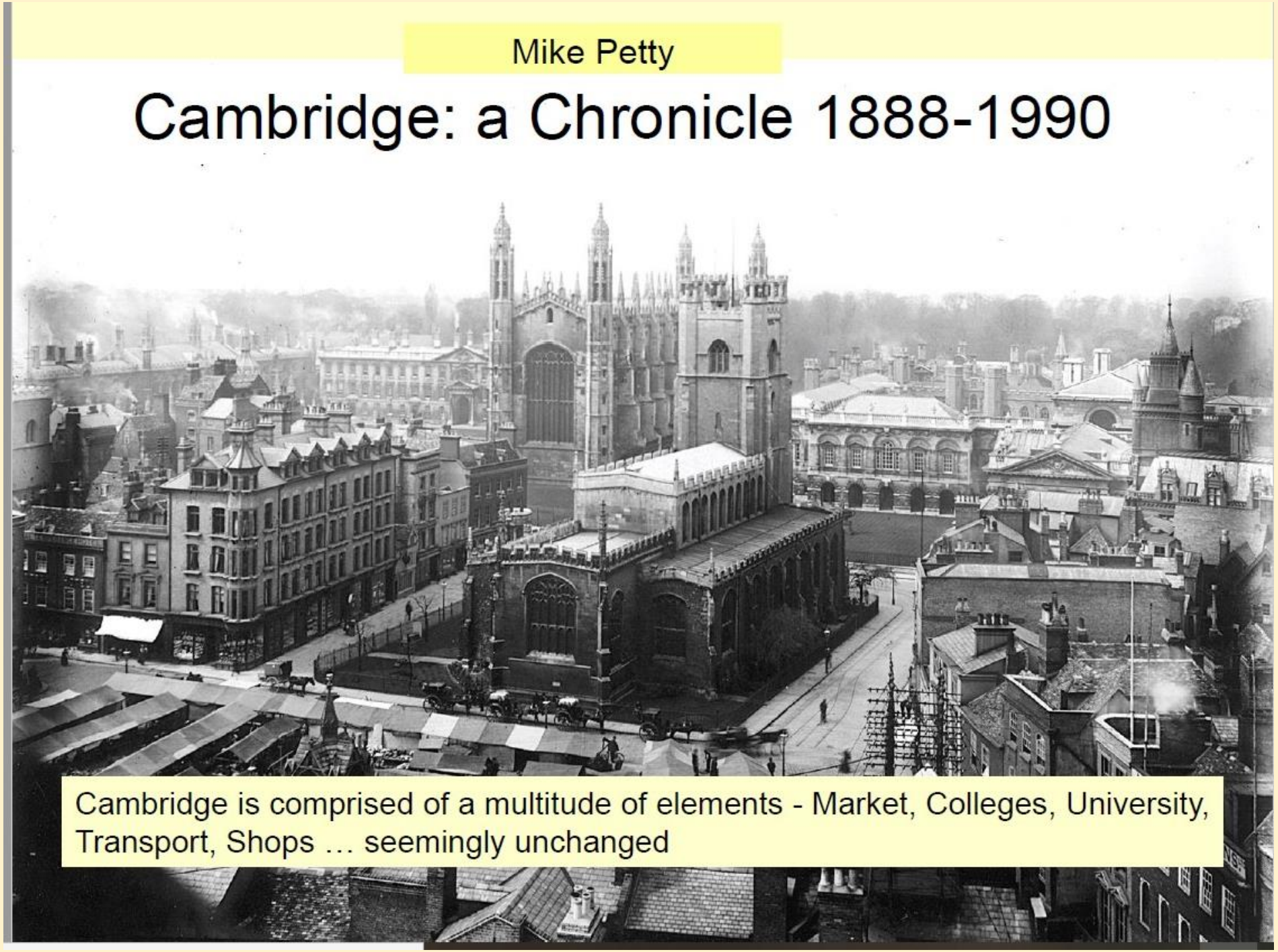

Cambridge is comprised of a multitude of elements - Market, Colleges, University, Transport, Shops … seemingly unchanged

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It is divided into 100 sections each of which can be downloaded. One of these is Cambridge women.
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- *1947 03 21 CAMBRIDGE SOROPTOMISTS FORMED AT MEETING HELD AT THE BLUE BOAR HOTEL.*
- 1947 05 07 Some 200 local women took part in the Guildhall in the first big physical culture display to be held in Cambridge since before the war. It was a first-rate demonstration given by members of the Cambridge Women's Physical Culture Club, which is run by the Misses Marjorie and Mary Vinsen. In a display lasting and hour and a half they gave eloquent proof of the buoyant elasticity which can be attained through exercise and an indication of the physical fitness which results, for at the end of a strenuous performance they appeared as fresh as when they started.
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- 1947 06 18 On Saturday, after a quarter of a century of service to the public Sergt Policewoman Carnegie Brown, one of the pioneers of women police, goes into retirement and the Cambridge Force loses its senior woman member and the Cambridge public a well-known figure. The history of women police has evolved during her lifetime. One of the earliest policewomen in the country, starting at a time when women police were not generally recognised by local authorities, Miss Brown has done much to override any prejudice that might have been held at the time and now has the satisfaction of knowing that women police are considered an essential part of the police service. In the early days women police did only welfare work, such as helping patch up matrimonial difficulties. Today they handle all matters connected with women and children who are involved in any way with the police
- 1947 07 30 History was made in the Shire Hall Council Chamber on Saturday, when Ald Mrs Mellish Clark, first woman chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council, and of any County Council outside London, took the chair for the first time. She brought to it exactly the same degree of competence she brings to all meetings over which she presides, conducting the proceedings in a practical, business-like way, wasting no time on unessentials. She did not hesitate to call the meeting to order - doing this on two occasions when more than one tried to speak at the same time
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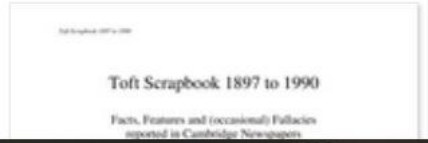

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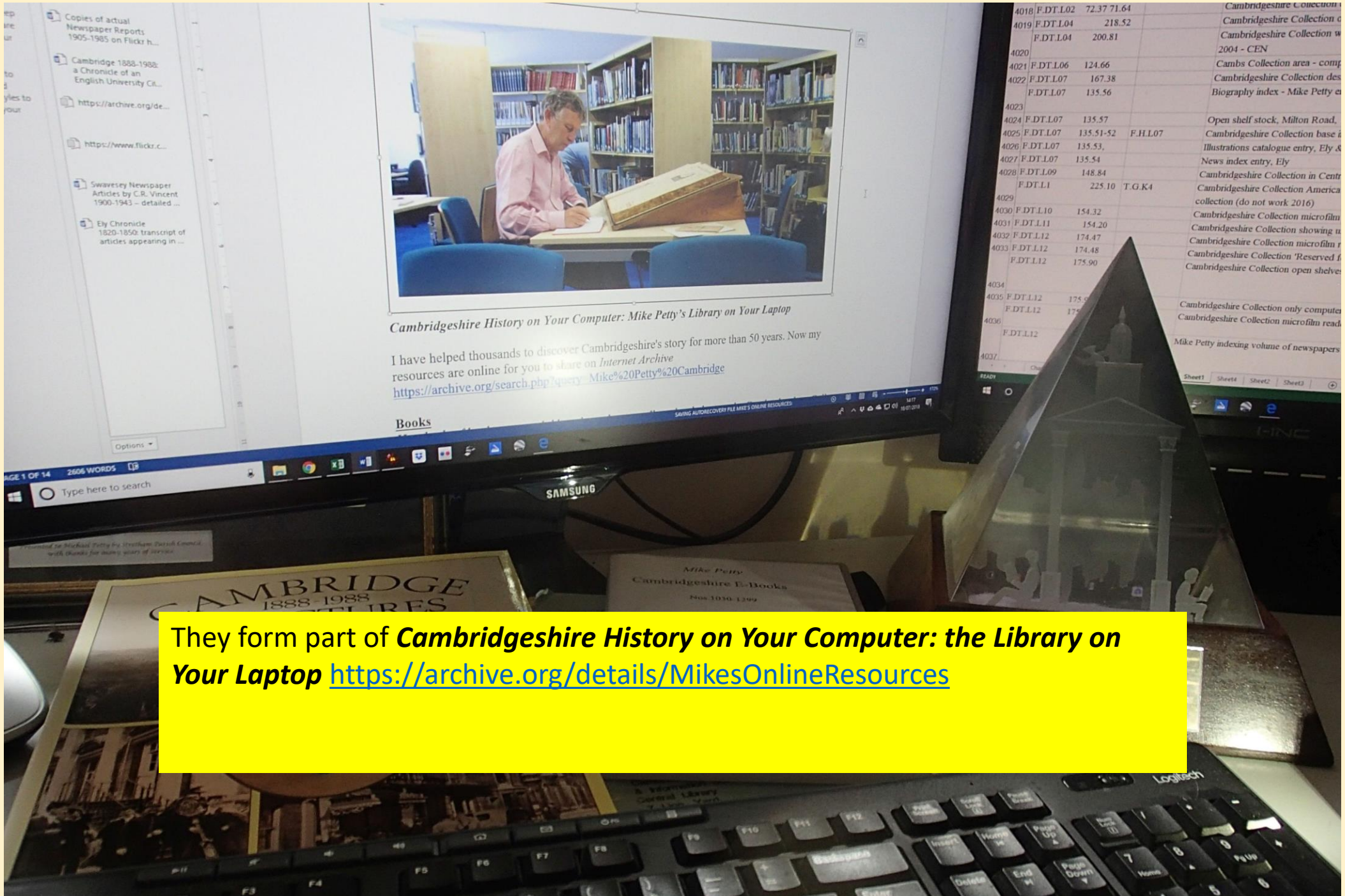
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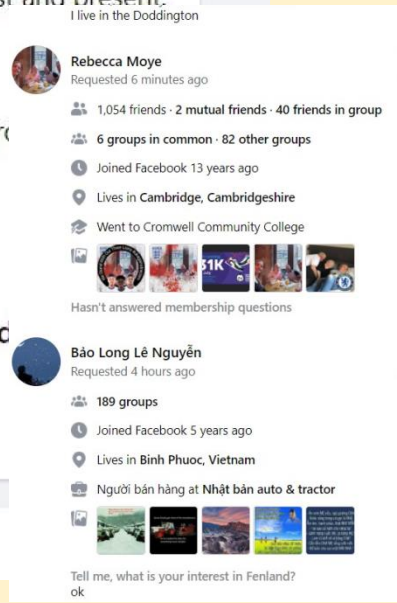
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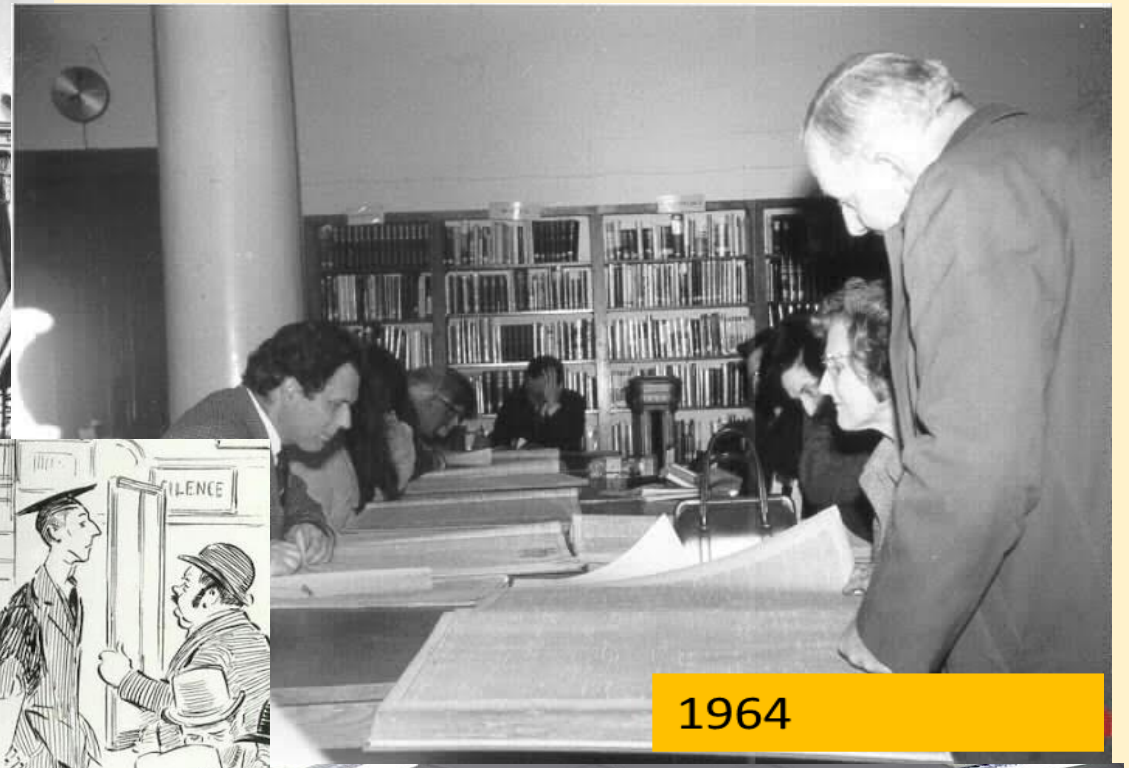

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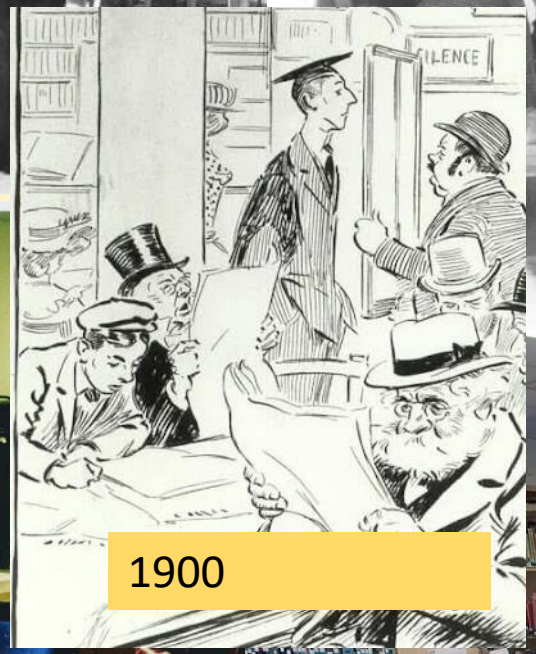

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